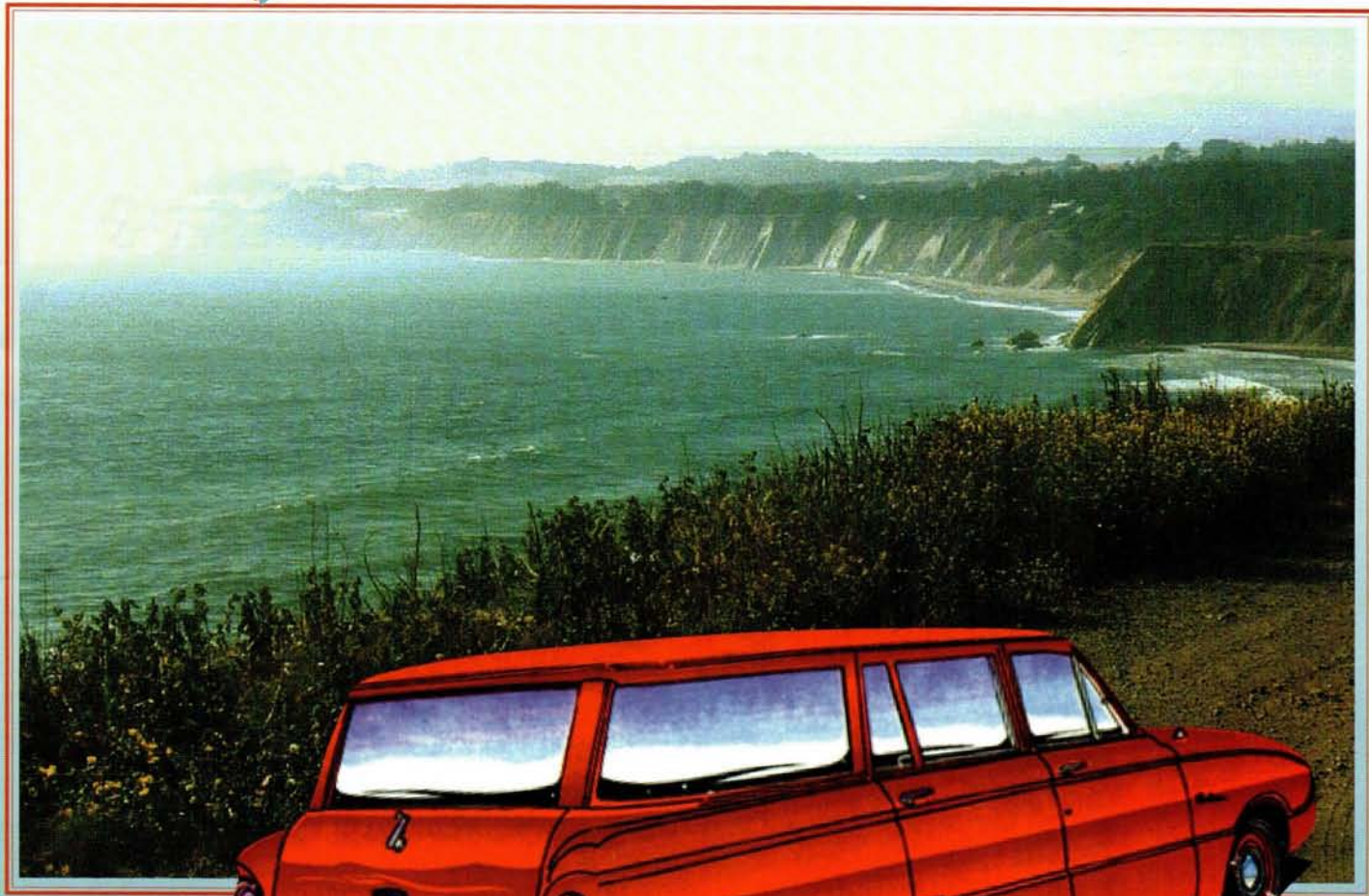


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COVER FALCON California Coast — Sacramento Bound

This issue is jam packed with all sorts of information about the upcoming National Convention in Sacramento, California. The River City Chapter has been busy making plans for the entire year and their hard work will result in the first ever FCA Convention to be held on the West Coast on July 12-15, 2000. Here you will find car class information, events calendar, vacation planning guide and registration forms, along with California cars and regular features like Chapter News and lots of Classified ads.

If you are unable to attend the convention, you can follow along at www.wcrosby.com for a daily web posting. See page 25 for details. Editor's thanks to Al Aiello, Geoff Belleau, Ray Johnson and all other contributors, this and every month. See you in Sacramento! —Ed.

Do you have a photo of your Falcon that you think should be on the cover of The Falcon National News? Send it to the Editor along with a paragraph or two describing the car. Please include a self addressed STAMPED envelope if you want your photo returned.

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Regularly Scheduled Chapter Meetings

Alamo Chapter
2nd Sun - monthly
(210) 494-8205
Pig Stand
1508 Broadway,
San Antonio

Blue Ridge Chapter
3rd Sun - monthly
Greer, SC
(864) 879-1060

Buckeye Chapter
2nd Sat - bimonthly
(303) 825-5708

Capital City Chapter
3rd Sat. - monthly 5PM
Bob's BBQ, Round Rock TX
(512) 832-0544

Carolinas Chapter
1st Mon - monthly
(704) 735-5077
Houlihan's
Univ. Shopping Ctr.

Central California Falcons
1st Tues. 7:00 PM, Rusty's
Pizza — Ming Ave. and
Ashe Rd., Bakersfield, CA,
805-588-9468

Early Falcon Car Club of Victoria, Inc.
1st Tue. 7:30 PM
Cafe Hotel, Melbourne
9369 1574

Founder's Chapter
2nd Sat - monthly
(501) 605-1370

Gateway Chapter
4th Sun - monthly
(314) 946-6047

Great Lakes Chapter
3rd Sun - bimonthly
(517) 849-7156

Hoosier Chapter
1st Sun - monthly
(317) 357-0235
Steak & Shake,
Speedway, IN 3 pm

Lone Star Chapter
3rd Sun - monthly
(903) 572-9593

Lost Coast Falcons
1st Wed. — 7PM
Round Table Pizza
Henderson Center
Eureka, CA
(707) 444-8407

Mid America Chapter
1st Fri - monthly
(660) 679-5636

Mid Hi Chapter
3rd Fri - monthly
(303) 857-9360

NE Texas Chapter
2nd Sat - monthly
(903) 759-6850

River City Chapter
2nd Tue - monthly
(916) 725-4110

Sonoma County
1st Thur - monthly
(707) 539-2860

Southeast Chapter
1st Sun - monthly
(770) 483-5249

Space City Chapter
2nd Tue - monthly
(281) 476-4688

Starting a New Chapter - If you want to explore the possibility of starting or reactivating an FCA Chapter in your area, first contact Chapter Coordinator Jan Brown, 4147 WCR 31, Ft. Lupton, CO 80621 — 303-857-9360. Please send a notice to the Editor of the Falcon News for publication in the next issue. Be sure to list your correct address and phone number so others in your area can contact you.

President's Message

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years of Falcons! It's been over forty years since the first Falcon rolled off the assembly line and almost thirty since the last Falcon rolled off an American assembly line. The Falcon Club of America is now 21 years old. Some people may wonder why there is still a strong interest in this little old compact car. But as Falcon Club members, we know that much of the credit goes to you and your active participation in the Falcon Club.

One of the things that keeps the Falcon Club going is the bond of friendships that have been created over the years. I don't know of any other car club where you could find more friends and meet new friends each and every year. We have the opportunity to meet even more new friends at the National Convention as well as at a number of Regional Meets our Club has planned.

National Meet — For the past 20 years the Falcon Club has held a National Meet. What a great place to meet fellow Falcon lovers, and build friendships, not to mention to buy parts and cars. It's the best place to see great looking Falcons! This will be the first National Meet on the West Coast. I have had the opportunity to attend several Regionals out there and I can tell you, the West Coast folks know how to put on a great show.

Besides the National Meet in Sacramento, this year your local Chapters are hosting 6 Regional meets.

Music City	May
Northeast	August
Charlotte	August
Pennsylvania	September
Texas	October
Florida	November



Stay tuned for registration forms and more details. Since the Regionals are held in all parts of the country, every FCA member could attend one of these great events this year.

To start the year off, the Music City Chapter hosted a great Regional at the end of May. For the first time, the show was open to all Ford makes and models and the response was excellent. We'll look forward to seeing photos and a write-up in a future issue.

The Falcon Club of America's National Falcon News has won the 1999 Golden Quill Award. This prestigious award is issued by the editorial staff of Old Cars Weekly magazine. The Golden Quill Award salutes the club and the Editor. Many factors are considered including professionalism, a wide range of articles, strong journalistic skills, good visuals, good taste, creativity, and service to members. Congratulations to Wendy, our Editor and thanks to all the members who sent in photos and articles. Members' contributions are what makes the Falcon Club of America and the Falcon News a success.

Economically minded, like the idea behind the first Falcon over forty years ago, Falcon club membership is a good value for your dollar.

Steve and Carol

Editor's Note:

The 1999 Golden Quill Award from Old Cars Weekly Magazine was a surprise to me! Ray Chevalier emailed me a congratulatory message and at first, I didn't know what he was talking about! Then he sent me the article. It is worth noting that our club would never have received this award if President Steve Springer hadn't made sure that copies were mailed monthly to Old Cars Weekly. One of Steve's main goals as President has been to bring more national recognition to our Club and this is definitely a step in the right direction. As another member pointed out, "we're running with the big dogs now."

Thanks to all the members who contribute their stories and photos. Without you, there would be no Falcon National News!

Wendy



California Travel Suggestions — Here We Come!

Sacramento sits on the Sacramento and American Rivers right in the center of northern California. There are many things to do during the day. There is a 25-mile bicycle trail that runs along the American River from Old Sacramento all the way to Folsom Lake. This trail is a favorite bike trail that you can also walk along and is very close to the hotel. Rafting down the river is another popular summer pastime on the American River. Folsom Lake and the Sacramento River are popular places to boat and water ski. Swimming in the lake and the American River is good but not recommended in the Sacramento because of the swiftness and low visibility. With all this water you might think it gets hot here. You should expect an average of in the mid 90's with an extreme of mid 100's, but I would not count on that.

Museums in Sacramento are plentiful and entertaining; The most popular is the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento. The Delta King steamboat does not run anymore but it has restaurants, a hotel, bar, and a museum. Other river boats run the Sacramento River for sightseeing or a meal. Check out the two bridges downtown. The Tower Bridge is a drawbridge and the I Street Bridge is a double decker swing bridge built in 1911. In Old Sacramento are the county museum, train rides, and lots of antique stores, shops and restaurants. Towe Auto Museum has over one hundred autos, dioramas, and exhibits. Downtown is the State Capital building and museum. Built in 1869, it is a scaled down version of our nations capital building and

the Governor's Mansion, is also from the 1860's. Sutter's Fort, where Sacramento began, shows you what California was like during Mexican times and was the center of the gold rush. The state Indian Museum is right by Sutter's Fort. Crocker Art Gallery was recently expanded and has a large exhibit of paintings and art. The Downtown Plaza is an interesting shopping experience, with all the mainstream stores and a brewery. Further down K Street there is Light Rail for a nice train ride. There is also a light rail station near the hotel. There are plenty of old and new buildings downtown and some very interesting old neighborhoods near downtown. The Catholic Church on K Street is worth a visit and the I-Max Theater is a wonderful experience with its giant screen. If you love golf, there are at least six courses within ten miles of the hotel. William Land Park has a golf course, zoo, kiddy rides, and duck ponds.

— *con't on back cover*



River City Falcons line up for group shot with locomotive at Railroad Museum.



This is part of the Sonoma Chapter crew near Bodega Bay. Bodega Bay is where the famous Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds" was filmed. The Falcons returned to Bodega Bay this fine day.



Sonoma County Falcons for Fun Holiday Gathering



A Falcon line-up at Pacific Regionals, held at the Radisson in Sacramento.

California Dreaming

It's show time, and it's also time to make that California dream a reality! This year's 21st Annual FCA National Convention will be hosted by the River City Chapter in Sacramento, California. You are cordially invited to attend this year's premiere Falcon event which coincides with the 40th anniversary of the introduction of the Ford Falcon.

A big turnout is expected for the 1st FCA convention held on the West Coast. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel which is located near many Sacramento attractions such as Old Town Sacramento, the Capitol, Arden Fair Shopping Mall, Towe Auto Museum, Sutter's Fort, and many other interesting places.

The River City Chapter has organized several events including a bus tour to beautiful Lake Tahoe, a cruise to Craig Breedlove's "Spirit of America" facility, and a mini-car show (limited to 75 Falcons) on the waterfront at Old Town Sacramento.

If you are planning to extend your vacation in California, then Sacramento is well situated to other vacation spots in Northern California including:

- ♦ San Francisco with its famous cable cars and Golden Gate Bridge
 - ♦ The "Gold Country" of the Sierra Nevada Mountains
 - ♦ Yosemite National Park
 - ♦ Beautiful Lake Tahoe
 - ♦ The "Wine Country" of Sonoma and Napa Counties,
 - ♦ The majestic Redwoods
- Or, a whole host of other nearby attractions. See Ray Johnson's California Trip Planning Guide in this issue for lots of destinations.

Of course the main attraction at the National Convention will be the sharing of what we have in common—Falcons! The National Convention provides us with a unique opportunity to get together with our extended Falcon family and have some fun! For those who have not attended a past convention, this will be a unique opportunity to see our FCA Officers, Board, and Membership in action.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Al Aiello, Pacific Region Coordinator



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FALCON CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONVENTION
Radisson Hotel - Sacramento, California
JULY 12-15, 2000



Wednesday, July 12

8:00 AM	Convention Setup
7:30 PM	Directors Meeting
10:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Parking Lot Security

Thursday, July 13

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality Room Open
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	National Officers & Directors Meeting
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Club Store Open
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Wash Pit Open
9:30 AM to 8:30 PM	Special Bus Tour to Lake Tahoe
9:50 AM to 5:00 PM	Dash Bus Tour of Sacramento ¹
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	APUSA Tour, Sacramento
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Swap Meet
10:00 PM to 6:00 AM	Parking Lot Security

Friday, July 14

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality Room Open
7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Swap Meet
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Spirit of America Cruise and Tour
9:50 AM to 5:00 PM	Dash Bus Tour of Sacramento
4:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Old Sacramento Cruise and Show
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Club Store Open
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Wash Pit Open
10:00 PM to 6:00 AM	Parking Lot Security

Saturday, July 14

6:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Wash Pit Open
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Swap Meet
8:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Registration Room Open
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Club Store Open
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Voting
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	FCA Car Show
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Fun Falcon Games
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Annual FCA Business & Membership Meeting
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Banquet and Awards Ceremony
6:00 PM to 6:00 AM	Parking Lot Security

DASH Bus service will be available for transportation from the hotel to local Sacramento attractions including Arden Fair mall, Old Town Sacramento, Cal Expo, Sutter's Fort and the Crocker Art Museum. A bus schedule will be available at the Convention.

NOTE: Please leave your identification placard in your Falcon during the convention so that it may be photographed at the convenience of the FCA Photographer.

Convention and Hotel Update

Things are really heating up for the upcoming FCA 2000 Convention to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, California. If you want to go, and want a place to stay, make your hotel reservations now! If you call the toll free number (800-333-3333) for the Radisson, you may be told that there are no more rooms available. If so, try calling the Radisson directly at 916-922-2020. If you are still told that there are no rooms available, try the Canterbury Inn at 916-927-0927. The Canterbury is just across Highway 160 from the Radisson. An extra block of 40 rooms have been set-aside at the Canterbury for those attending the FCA National Convention.

A Special Note: The Swap Meet for this year's show is shaping up to be a great one. Please note on the calendar that it runs for three days beginning Thursday morning (7/13) and ending Saturday afternoon (7/15). The swap area is located just down the street from the hotel in an unpaved lot. Security will be provided at night. If you have specific questions about the Swap, please contact Bill Johns at 707-526-6327.

Along with the really big Falcon Show, some special tours and activities will occur as noted below:

- A special tour bus will leave Sacramento for beautiful Lake Tahoe on Thursday morning—7/13. The trip (approximately 2 hours each way) to Lake Tahoe will allow visitors to see and experience Lake Tahoe, one of the jewels of California. Lake Tahoe is at 6000 feet elevation and is in the middle of the Sierra Nevada mountains. There is bicycling, hiking tours, gambling and many other things do. You need to register and pay for your bus fare of \$20.00 per person in advance. The bus will return to the hotel on Thursday night.
- Also on Thursday, there will be a special open house at the nearby AP USA Car Show Room. Joe Bevacqua and his staff will be serving coffee, soft drinks and refreshments for those who would like to view cars that are Classics, Customs, Street Rods and Exotics. Who knows, the cars are for sale, so you may be driving one home.
- On Friday—7/14, there will be a special cruise (approximately 1 hour travel time one-way) and tour of Craig Breedlove's "Spirit of America" facility in Rio Vista. Craig Breedlove is a five-time record holder of the world land speed record. Mr. Breedlove will open the doors to his unique racing facility and provide show goers with a fascinating view of his current quest to regain the land speed record.
- Later on Friday, there will be another cruise to historic Old Town Sacramento which is a short drive from the hotel. There is special parking arranged for show-goin' Falcons. The parking spaces will be assigned at the Convention to guests who sign-up (limited to 75 cars) their Falcons for this event. We will have a mini-Falcon show on the Sacramento waterfront. Participants will have the opportunity to admire the Falcons, eat dinner at one of the many local restaurants, and visit the unique shops in this wonderful historic area.
- Throughout the convention, a special DASH bus will be available to shuttle hotel guests to several sites in the Sacramento area. Some of the bus stops include local attractions such as the nearby Arden Fair Mall, Old Town Sacramento, Cal Expo, Sutter's Fort, and the Crocker Art Museum.



You're sure to see Falcons coming and going to this year's National Convention in Sacramento. Celebrating the 40th year of the Falcon, this promises to be a Convention to remember. Use the registration form in this issue.

Be Competitive on the Car Show Scene

by Phil Barber, Mason Dixon Chapter

A general observation: In my personal experience, a nitpickin' clean and very well detailed engine compartment will win over a car with better paint and upholstery (if that other car has an average engine compartment). A well detailed engine compartment is a lot cheaper "dollar wise" than perfect paint and interior, but of course, you need to invest your own time into researching what is correct and then actually do it yourself for the best results! Remember— if you must replace something anyway, get the correct part the first time. Note: Of course, you don't have to have Motorcraft hoses, battery cables and spark plug wires, but the least you could is to get black ones. However, places like Melvin's and Auto Krafters offer the correct ones and in the long haul are not really that much more money, plus you have made an improvement to your car at the same time.

Tips: These are not in any special order and are presented as a general aid to all competitors.

1. Use the correct semi-gloss black paint in your engine compartment. (Krylon 1613) Unless of course you have an early model (60-62) which should be painted the same as outside body color.
2. All Ford blocks before late 1965 were engine black (a heat-resistant gloss black) The late 1965 and up
3. The engine compartment needs to be very clean and neat. Use a few "discreet" black wire ties where needed and install new wire harness clips to hold the wirelooms to the fenderwells, radiator support housing, and firewall as required.
4. Use a paint thinner (I use fingernail polish remover, but be careful!) at all wire and plug interconnectors to get the crud and old paint off them so the wire color codes are visible. Also install new grommets where wiring goes through the fenderwells to the lights. Another place to clean is the plug at the firewall under the master cylinder. It looks very colorful when clean.
5. The top 14 or so fender-to-fenderwell bolt heads are supposed to be a natural finish. The replacement items from Melvin's and others are a good choice. The old original ones are a heat treated oil/phosphate color (brownish black in appearance). Not painted, stainless steel, or chrome.



6. Use the correct hose clamps for your year. Worm drive clamps were not used until the later years. Again, Melvin's, Dearborn Classics, and other vendors carry the "right ones."
7. Use the "correct" mustard top coil. Coils don't normally ever break. Use your original until it does. Coil body is black and the clamp should be painted a stainless steel color. Put a new stainless steel bolt in it.
8. Any place you can use stainless steel nuts and washers — do it!! Otherwise, you will be constantly cleaning them. Examples are on the coil, generator, starter, starter solenoid and the valve cover hold-down bolts. Don't use chrome, only stainless, as they have an original appearance and are maintenance free.
9. If you need a new battery anyway, get the correct 6 cap Autolite battery from the Newcastle Battery Company. But, if everything else is neat and correct a DieHard will be forgiven. When you really need a battery, keep in mind that the right one is only about \$50 more. DieHards are not what they once were either.
10. All fittings (gas lines, linkages,) that are not painted should be clean. On a regular basis, use oily steel wool to clean them or one of those small tooth brush size wire brushes with oil on it. Leave the parts with a clean oily appearance.
11. Take out the horns. Take em apart, knock out dents, sand em down, prime and spray with a good glossy black paint. Clean the mount point, repaint the frame rail or wherever they came from, use a new bolt. They need a good clean ground or they won't work.
12. Use Armor-All on all hoses and wiring often to keep it clean and pliable. It gives a crisp and show worthy appearance.
13. A general tip on painting accessories: use sandpaper, wire brushes, and a good grease cutter before you paint it. Use primer first and don't put on too much paint. This gives a crisp new appear-

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ance. Thick paint covers details such as embossed Ford logos on some old original parts such as an original oil fill cap.

14. The nuts and bolts that attach the front shocks and shock mount towers should be a clean, oily, metal appearance.
15. The under hood brake lines should be a natural metal finish. Use steel wool and keep them oiled/ or replace with stainless steel designed for braking systems. All of the attaching hardware should also be metal finish (unpainted).

16. Clean your exhaust manifold with a wire brush or wheel (or get it sand blasted) and repaint with exhaust manifold paint from Eastwood & Company (it comes in black, cast iron gray and stainless gray). Cast iron gray is the best stock look. Use the cor-

rect attaching hardware. Replacements can be purchased from Melvin's or many other vendors.

17. Hood hinges don't get painted. They are from the factory simply a natural (phosphate & oil) finish. It looks dark brown to black. All attaching hardware is unpainted.

Note: Falcon hoods and fenders were not on the car when originally painted. The trunk lid and doors were. But, windows, door latches, interior crank handles were all installed later. So all the screws & bolts attaching the door latches and window mechanism channels are unpainted. (Sorry I got away from under the hood for a moment.)

18. Hood latch mechanism is a silverish cadmium plated color. Eastwood & Co. has it in a spray can.
19. Replace the cowl to hood seal and use new hex head stainless steel screws when you reattach it. Hopefully you will have removed this before the car was painted so you will have a freshly painted surface to re-attach it to.
20. Replace the radiator support seal with the supplied stainless staples. For ease of installation, drill out the original holes to a slightly larger size, mount the new seal (again on a freshly repainted radiator support (using Krylon 1613). To position the

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Detailed Explanation of Standard FCA Categories

STOCK CATEGORY

Falcons entered in this category have historically been thoroughly detailed while maintaining a High Percentage of Authenticity. Most common and accepted modifications in this category are custom or aftermarket wheels combined with radial performance type tires (rather than bias ply). The other noted and accepted modifications are "Sprint" or "Cobra" type air cleaners and valve covers. These two modifications are felt to be acceptable because perhaps the OEM, bias ply tires are not available in the correct sizes and radial tires add a definite safety factor in traction, handling and braking. The newer sizes of radial tires also require a rim width that is wider than the stock Falcon wheel. This is the reason many owners choose to run the 14X6 Magnums, or 14X7 Magnums in combination with a 70 series radial tire.

The Sprint and Cobra engine accessories are recognized as "True" Ford parts and could be purchased "over the counter" from any Ford dealership. Details really stand out in this category. The engine compartment will more than likely be clean enough to eat off in this vehicle, be it a 144/170/200 six or a 260/289/302 eight, and will be detailed to the max. *No glaring modifications anywhere on this Falcon.* It just looks a little better than the original, the way it would have if Ford could have "Handbuilt" each one individually.

You may see these Falcons on a trailer or driven on a nice day. Several cars of this quality may even be driven on long trips. All in all, these Falcons are built for "Show or Go." At local cars shows across the nation these cars are bringing back the memories of the car that started it all, and bringing home the "Gold" to boot. Fifteen classes covering all models of Falcons are available for these pristine, but not quite Concours vehicles.

DAILY/STREET DRIVEN CATEGORY

This category is perhaps the most important to the future of the FCA and the value of all Falcons. As the name implies, *this category is for those special Falcons that you see on the street every day!* These Falcons are driven at least three thousand miles per year, rain or shine. They are not parade cars or museum pieces. They take Dad to work and Mom to the grocery. They are often the son's or daughter's first car and are depended on to get them to school every day. They have felt the pain of parking lots and careless drivers. They are the cars left outside to make room for Mom's new Taurus; they are also the ones that will start when the new one refused to face the cold of winter. Definitely not a show car, but surely a winner! You won't find a show quality paint job on this Falcon, maybe a nice set of wheels like Magnums or even steel wheels and not quite show quality hubcaps. The engine compartment may or may not be de-

tailed. In all cases it will be as clean as one can keep it. Remember this car is used as it was intended. Several modifications that improve dependability may even be evidenced on this "driver." Maybe an alternator where a generator once resided; one can easily understand wanting a dependable charging system. The beauty of the Falcons in this category is not that they are perfect, but that they are well maintained, attractive vehicles willing to take their proud owners across town, to work, grocery shopping, or wherever they want to go. Four classes for Falcons in this category.

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

This category is for the Falcon that obviously needs work or is in the process of being restored. It may or not be driveable. It may be in primer or still have the old paint job. The interior may be tattered and torn or partially finished. The body work's not completed, the engine needs work. Anyone looking at this Falcon can see it does not fit in any of the other categories but has potential some day. Four classes for this category.

MODIFIED CATEGORY

This category is wide open. Here you will find Customs, Sleds, Racers, Chopped Tops, Full Frames, Tubs, 4-Wheel Disc Brakes, Monster Tires and a host of other tempting modifications. Engines may be carbureted, fuel injected small block, or even a blown big block. In either case, you can bet it is well detailed and more than likely "bad to the bone." No engine modification is considered extreme, although all entries must be *Ford Powered* (absolutely no Brand X). Paint schemes vary as much as engine choice: Metallic, Pastels, Flames, Graphics, Murals or a Super Smooth Single Color over Rolled Pans, Filled Seams and a Sunken Antenna. Interiors may be as stark as a race car or as plush as a new Continental or Town Car. In all cases, the interior will be fitted to suit the owner and fully functional for the application. As can be seen, "Modified" best describes this category of five classes.

Masters Category

This category is for the purist. The Falcons entered here will really open your eyes and make your mouth water. These cars are as correct as one can possibly make them, right down to the smallest detail. Nothing fancy but all exactly like the factory built it twenty thirty years ago. Correct interior, correct paint color, correct engine transmission combination. Everything the factory data plate indicates is correct. It may have just received a ground-up restoration, or it could be a low mileage original. In all cases, these Falcons are the "Best of the Best."

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>Year</u>
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B	Sedan	64-65
C	Sedan	66-70
D	Sport Coupe	66-70
E	Hardtop	63
F	Hardtop	64
G	Hardtop	65
H	Convertible	63

<u>Class</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>Year</u>
J	Convertible	64
K	Convertible	65
L	Station Wagon	60-65
M	Station Wagon	66-70
N	Ranchero	60-63
P	Ranchero	64-66
Q	Sedan Del./Van	61-66

DAILY/STREET DRIVEN CATEGORY

<u>Class</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>Year</u>
R	Sedan	60-70
S	Hardtop	63-65
T	Convertible	63-65
U	Utilities	60-70

MODIFIED CATEGORY

<u>Class</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>Year</u>
V	Sedan	60-70
W	Hardtop	63-65
X	Convertible	63-65
Y	Utilities	60-70
Z	Pro/Comp	60-70

DIAMOND in the ROUGH CATEGORY

<u>Class</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>Year</u>
BB	Sedan	60-70
CC	Hardtop	63-65
DD	Convertible	63-65
EE	Utilities	60-70

MASTERS CATEGORY

<u>Class</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>Year</u>
AA	All	60-70

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1965 Falcon Futura convt, needs restoration. \$2000 firm. Ken Fox 520-747-7821. AZ

1965 Falcon Futura Conv. red w/black top and interior, new brakes, tires, front grille, dash plastic, engine rebld. Excellent mechanical shape, needs paint and body work. Doors are starting to pinch at tops. \$3500. Doug Yoder 7200 Wells Road Plain City Ohio 43064. 614-873-3619. Email: dyoder@sarcom.com

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Florida Ranchero Sensation

Dave Larson of Naples, Florida has owned this 1963 Ranchero since 1983. Before he found it, it sat in a California barn for 13 years. It was a California car until 5 years ago when Dave brought the car to Florida. It has a 302 V8, a Torino 3 speed automatic trans-



mission, and Granada front disk brakes and wheels. Dave also installed the 2-reservoir master brake cylinders. He feels the wider 14" rims fill out the wheel wells better and give it a wider "footprint" for better cornering. It also has an oversize radiator.

Dave already owned a 6 cylinder Ranchero when he bought this one, so he took all the good chrome and other pieces off of it to make the V8 a better car. He also found an abandoned Ranchero near the harbor in Los Angeles and found some trim pieces from it to improve his V8. He even found a couple of small pieces on an abandoned Ranchero in Baja, Mexico! The Mexican car had every mechanical part stripped, but things like the curved corner piece on the trim around the back of cab and bed were still there! He even has an extra set of paint grade trim for the bed.

This car is not just a daily driver. Dave used it as a courier vehicle in California and he still uses it as

his work truck every day in Florida. He made a wooden tool box and cut down a thick bed liner to carry the tools he needs. Dave reports "it's so rainy down here that there aren't many older cars, and when I show up at a job site, other construction workers come down from the trusses to "check out" the neat car. Many of them don't even know what it is, and no one can believe how old it is."

Dave writes that the Ranchero has always been a pleasure to drive and has been the most reliable vehicle he ever owned. "When I left California I had four vehicles, and this is the only one I kept to come here. I get offers to sell it every day, but what could I buy that has room behind the seats, except a crew cab? And what would I have to pay for a small truck that's not as good?"



Sizzlin' San Diego Sprint



Donna Willoughby of Carlsbad in San Diego County in California sent this photos of her 1963½ Sprint convertible. She writes that she has been unable to find another one in San Diego County that is quite as nice. She does spot the occasional hardtop and knows of one red Futura convertible that isn't "nearly as nice as this." She took the photo in Carlsbad at one of the local attractions. The Flower Fields are simply named for the Ranunculus flowers that bloom in these man-made color bands each March and April in this same spot. The Flower Fields are a popular tourist attraction and very beautiful. Donna says "I wish I could better capture that beauty (with the exception of the car). On this day I repeatedly had to wait for the people visiting the flowers to also stop and take a look at the Falcon."

Donna bought the car for herself as a birthday present in October of 1998. She found it and drove it with a friend from San Jose and even had the top down for part of the first day. Although mostly still original, with a 260 V8 automatic, and factory air; she did put the Halibrand wheels and 14" tires on and had exhaust system replaced. She will soon replace the radiator which appears to have most of the core holes plugged and loses coolant after any drive. She has performed very minor

repairs, such as new screws here and there, new brake handle, new visors, and new brighter head lights.

Donna is pleased to report that she drives it almost every where she goes. "I consider it a daily driver since it is my vehicle of choice to run errands, take a trip to visit friends or relatives, or for cruising down the southern California coast to San Diego.

Carlsbad is approximately 30 miles north of San Diego city and is considered "North County". This city of temperate weather is a favorite with visitors from all over the states and other countries. Besides the Flower Fields, Carlsbad is also home to the only "Legoland" in the United States, a theme park dedicated to children up to about 13 years old, with little cities made from the favorite children's play block. It is very charming Donna reports that "the little ones love it.

This car and Donna's friend's recently (December '99) restored 1964 Ranchero will be at the Falcon Convention in Sacramento. Donna did her Falcon duty and sent notice of the 21st National Convention to the San Diego Falcon Club but she was not sure if there will be any takers. Donna and her fellow Ranchero friend are both native Californians and are very pleased that California was chosen for this special event.



Look for Donna Willoughby's 1963½ Sprint at Nationals in Sacramento in July.

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1966 Ranchero, must sell due to health problems. Completely restored to show condition including 289 engine and C4 transmission. Finished in original Ford beautiful emgergeo paint. New tires including spare. Wins trophies on regular basis including one National. Picture in the November '99 Falcon News, 2 pages of "Seeing Red". \$18,000 invested, asking \$15,000 or reasonable offer. Merle Broughton, 214 S 1st St, Oskaloosa IA 52577, 515-673-7782

1969 Falcon Futura 4dr 6cyl,auto,p/s,used daily but very rusty-parts car? Drive it home for the price of the new tires, starter, idler arm \$300. Bill Hosfield, 973-853-9053 Hewitt NJ

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1963 Sprint or Futura hardtop, V8, 4spd, clean, rust free, driver. Tibor Ellinger, 216-631-1925 after 5pm EST. OH.

1963 Futura (and/or Sprint) Convertible. 170/6 or 260/8, Corinthian white with black top and red interior (bench seat preferred), very clean, rust free. Chris 201-568-6442, email Chris14Ono@aol.com NJ

Wanted: 1963 Futura Sprint convertible, red, 1 or 2 condition. Gerald Pietz, 320 Chapman Rd, Mankato MN 56001. H 507-387-4265, W 800-228-8583.

Wanted: 1963 or 1964 Falcon Sprint Hardtop V-8 - 4 speed, restored or restorable - not a rust bucket. Howard 515- 964-3625 IA. e-mail: gerit1@aol.com

1963-65 Falcon 2dr station wagon, original V8 car. Transmission not an issue, straight and relatively rust free. Norm Huie 949-498-8974 San Clemente CA.

Station wagon 1965-66-67-68 in good condition (#1-3), would like 289 4spd or auto (on floor would be nice. No Squires or rust buckets. Leon Torgerson 503-429-7105 PST, PO Box 301, Vernonia OR 97064.



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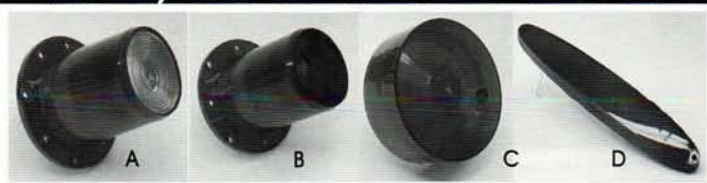
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Various 1965 Futura 2dr HT parts. Front fenders, right rear quarter, all windows and glass except windshield. Dash-radio panel, blower hood, trunk, latches, rockers, sill plates, etc. Come look and make an offer (PS: Bank and I have a deal...they don't sell parts and I don't take checks). Skip Guenter 512-759-5142. Austin TX.

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For 1960 2dr Falcon: chrome truck emblem (above lock) with red, blue and silver insert; side view mirror that clamps to window pillar, arm rest (gray) driver's side. Robert Bock 724-265-2765 Pittsburgh



New Old Stock Falcon Parts, 1963 grille \$650, 1967 grille \$250, 1960 & 1961 grilles \$150 ea., 1965 Futura 289 V8 Ft. fender emblems \$40/pr, 1963 Ft. valance \$50, 1965 Sprint Ft. fender emblems \$400/pr, 1966-70 clock \$200, 1961 Ft. fender emblems (gold birds) \$20/pr, 1962 Futura Ft. fender side emblems \$125 ea. or \$200/pr. The following are excellent used parts : 1961 grille & park lights \$50, 1962 grille & headlight rims \$125, 6cyl exhaust manifold \$60, 1963-65 V8 manual shift drive shaft & yoke \$40, 1964-65 Ft. fender \$125. Rick Dilks 913-557-2899 KS.

For 1965 Futura HT: pair of black bucket seats (have black bench seat), jack, both L.F. fender chrome strips (have R.F. and doors), radio panel. Pieces or information on how to put (3) webbers on a 200-6 by milling off intake manifold. Saw in magazine years ago. Bill Norcutt 724-942-4877 eve, 306 Squire Ln, McMurray PA 15317.

Deluxe gas cap with chrome handle for 1965 Ranchero. Ken Fox 520-747-7821 Tucson AZ.

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Car Show Scene *continued from page 9*

staples go through the underside of the radiator support with a large needle passing upwards through the seal. That leaves a small mark so you'll know where to push the staple in. Then repeat for the other gazillion staples. Carefully bend over the staples and you're done. I held them down with a block of wood and pushed them over from the bottom so I wouldn't mess up the new seal.

A general comment- Take your time and try to do one project at a time. Everything under the hood that can be unbolted should be. Then clean, sand, wire brush, or do whatever is necessary. Then prime and repaint it the correct color. Before you reinstall it, make sure its mounting surface is cleaned, oiled, or painted in the right manner since you don't want to do this again. Try to work from the inside out and you won't have to re-do work. Besides doing one project at a time, take time on each piece. The time you spend will show the quality of your fussiness. You'll be glad you did.

Last — I hope I didn't insult anyone's intelligence with this little tutorial. Over the years we all find out ways to do things the easiest way (or, in a way that will allow us to move on and do something else. If you have any more tips or general comments, please pass them on and I will gladly add them.

Years ago (1980-90) the Falcon News used to publish tech tips every month from member contributions and they compiled those in the Tech Tips book mentioned earlier. After 1990, the tips quit coming out. Perhaps we were all out of tips! Now it seems that the various web sites have taken over, but a lot of those folks are not FCA members and the Club will not necessarily benefit. That means it would be real nice if we could get folks to send the tips in again (to the Falcon News) as they once did. I tried to get everything I've done (successfully) under my hood into this article.

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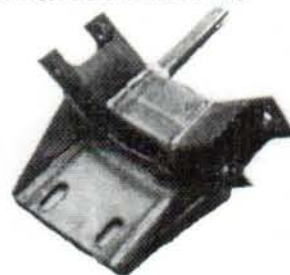
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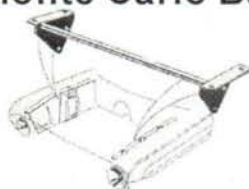
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TECH TIPS

Heater Cores...

Sooner or later the copper core material in Falcon heater boxes will spring a leak. Antifreeze does not blend well with carpet fabric. Even the smallest leak is reason to replace the core. A small leak indicates general corrosion, and large leaks can't be far behind. If the bottom of the core box is wet, or steam comes out of the defrost vents, you have a bad heater core. The job is inconvenient and clumsy, but not generally expensive if done at home. Replacement cores are available from most parts stores or radiator shops. Submitted by Richard Traugh, Central California Chapter

Check the Air...

If you notice that the steering on your Falcon is getting progressively harder and harder to steer, be sure to check the air pressure in your tires. Your tires may be low on air. This tip submitted from past experience by Nick King, Central California Chapter

Roller Cams & Your Distributor...

The late model roller cammed fuel injection 5.0 engine has become a good choice for a number of Ford products including the Fabulous Falcons. The popular plan is to buy a used fuel injected engine from a T-Bird or Mustang and install a carburetor and a different distributor. What most people don't know is that the steel roller cam requires a special distributor gear. Since all 289-302 distributors interchange, it's easy to install an older distributor and fire it up. Unfortunately, the steel roller cam will quickly chew up a non-roller cam distributor gear and probably destroy the can gear as well. The quick fix is to add a bronze or steel compatible distributor gear to the distributor. There are two different shaft sizes, .467 inch part #52989-1 and a .500 part #52990-1. The Ford SVO catalog lists the steel gear compatible for the .467 inch as part # M-12390-B. Also, the 351 Carrier part # M-12390-F. Remember these tips in case you ever have to perform this kind of work! Submitted by Fred Combs, Sooner State Chapter

Send your Tech Tips to the Editor at the address on page 2.

Chapter News

From the Recording Secretary:

I have not received a current year roster and an officers' list from the following chapters: Yankee, Eastern Virginian, Southeast, Star City, Hawkeye, North Central, Wheat State, Alamo, Arizona, Northwest Falcons, and Rainier. Please send me a copy of each to the address on page 2 as soon as possible. This is important so the club knows that your chapter is still active. Thank you. Joe Tatti, FCA Recording Secretary

Northeast Chapter Invites All to August Regional

The Northeast Chapter will proudly present its 7th Annual Northeast Regional Falcon Meet on August 18 & 19 2000. This event has grown steadily over the last six years, and could have over 80 Falcons this year. The location is the Cromwell Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell, CT. We hope that all Falcon lovers in the north-east U.S. will make an effort to attend. For information call Ray Chevalier at 401-934-2105 or email raysfalcon@msn.com or visit our web site at www.bestweb.net/~heuy/nefalcon.html. *The Northeast Chapter is hosting the National Meet in 2001 and they are known for putting on a great show. —Ed.*

Blue Ridge Chapter Invites Carolina Chapter for Picnic

The Blue Ridge Chapter wishes to invite the Carolinas Chapter to their annual picnic to be held August 12 at Lake Robinson Shelter #1. For more information, watch future editions of the Blue Ridge Chapter Newsletter or call 864-879-1060.

Mid America Invites Wheat State for August Picnic

The Mid America Chapter invites the Wheat State Chapter to their annual picnic to be held August 19th at the home of Jim Willkerson and Wendy Crosby in Stilwell, Kansas. Barbecue, volleyball, croquet, garden tours and lots of parking for Falcons! For info and directions call 913-685-1079.

Founder's Chapter Car Show Draws 80 Cars

The Founder's Chapter held a car show at Goodsell's Truck Sales in Jacksonville, Arkansas on April 8. It was a chilly but beautiful day and there were 81 entries in the show. Hot dogs, chips and soda were sponsored by the Chapter and free popcorn was provided by Mr. Goodsell. A tractor and engine club met at the same time and a great day was had by everyone.

Sooner State Chapter Visiting Hometowns of Members

The Sooner State Chapter in Oklahoma has adopted a goal this year to visit the hometown of each of their members. Each "hometown" member just arranges for a meeting place and the Chapter combines the cruise with a visit and meeting. The Sooners always have a strong presence at the Nationals and the Chapter is discussing plans for this year's attendance.

River City Making Final Plans for Convention

The River City Chapter cruised to meet with the Bakersfield Chapter in April. The Bakersfield Chapter has offered to help with the voting and ballots for the National Convention in July. If you haven't signed, up, hurry! Rooms are filling up fast! Check hotel information and use the registration form in this issue to get in on that California Dreaming!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 3 **8th Annual All Ford Car Show & Swap Meet**, Hillsboro OR (near Portland), 80 Peoples Choice Awards, Club Participation, Food, Music. Pre-Registration \$10, Same Day entry \$12, Vendor spaces \$20. Contact Hugh & Lael Wedekind, 360-877-8904, e-mail: wedkind@worldaccessnet.com
- June 4 **28th Annual Ford Picnic**, Bellevue WA, 9 til 4, Bellevue Community College, \$8 per vehicle, dash plaques for firts 1100 entries, Live Music., For more information, contact 206-284-0771.
- July 12-15 **21st Annual Falcon National Convention** hosted by the River City Chapter and Sonoma County Falcons for Fun at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, CA. Use the registration form in this issue.
- August 18-19 **7th Annual Northeast Regional Meet**, Cromwell, CT. This year's location will be the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell, CT located in the center of the beautiful state of Connecticut. Use the registration form on the jacket of this issue. For information call Ray Chevalier at 401-934-2105 or email raysfalcon@msn.com or visit our web site at www.bestweb.net/~heuy/nefalcon.html
- August 20 **Second Annual Turkeyville Car Show** sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter in Turkeyville, Michigan. This year there will lots of games for the kids as well as door prizes and awards. More information will be available after the June 11 meeting in Jonesville, Michigan. Information: Gary Northrup—616-468-8523.
- August 25-26 **Carolina Chapter's Fourth Regional Meet**, Charlotte, NC. This event will be held at the Holiday Inn Woodlawn, the site of the 20th National Convention. Please note that the date has changed due to a conflict with an area Mustang All-Ford Show that the chapter wants to support. For information, call Tim Cleary, 704-847-7510.
- September 10 **2nd Annual Ford Family Celebration**. All Ford, Mercury & Lincoln Car Show and Swap Meet. Held in conjunction with the Effingham Transportation Celebration. Village Square Mall, South Route 45, Effingham, Illinois. Largest All Ford Car Show in Down State Illinois. 40+ classes 1st – 3rd trophies, 6 foot best of show trophy, special plaques and prizes. Don't miss it. Free swap spaces. For more information see our web site at www.fordclub.com or call Kip Johnson at 217-347-5009.
- September 10 **Fun Ford Sunday** in Milpitas, California, 10 -3 at Great Mall of the Bay Area (formerly a Ford plant). This is an interclub event open to all Ford, Lincolns, and Mercurys. The location was formerly Ford's San Jose, CA, plant. R code cars and trucks were manufactured here. Featured vehicles will be the Ford Falcon, Thunderbird, and Mustang. These vehicles were selected because 2000 is an anniversary year for them. Sponsored by the Nor-Cal Ford Car Club Council and The Sonoma County Falcons for Fun. Exhibitor fee: \$15. Information: Sally Meacham 925-684-3505 or on the web at www.clubs.hemmings.com/norcalfordcouncil/
- September 15-16 **Keystone Chapter 10th Regional Meet** at the Comfort Inn in Bethel, PA. \$65. per night. Information: Bruce Wolfe; 717-469-7252 or email futura@freewwwweb.com
- September 16 **McCrocklin Ford's Anniversary All FORD Car Show**, Middletown, Indiana. Over 35 FORD-only classes. Many clubs have already reserved space for Mini-Meets, including the Fairlane Club of America, the Vintage Thunderbird Club of Indiana, and the International Maverick/Comet Club. Registration: 9:00am-1:00pm, Participant Voting: 1:00pm-2:00pm, Awards: 3:00pm. All Indiana Times. Entry Fee \$10. Information, contact Jeff McCrocklin at McCrocklin Ford: 800-354-2261. For more information and a map, check out: www.mccrocklinford.com
- September 30 **Carolina Regional Mustang Club's 20th Anniversary Mustang and All Ford Show**. Matthews Plaza, Hwy 74, Matthews, NC. 30+ classes w/trophies, food, and fun. Vendors, car dealer displays, Buddy Baker Driving School, too much more to announce. BBQ lunch. Call Woody at 704-541-5842 or email mabarker@carolina.com
- October 14 **13th Annual All Ford Day Show**. Held at The Shops at Willow Lawn, Richmond, Virginia. Rain date is October 15. All Ford powered vehicles are welcome at this fun show. Contact: Fred Fann 804-590-9583 Web site: www.angelfire.com/va2/allford. Email: allford@mailcity.com

When sending your Calendar of Event items to the Editor, please include location — city and state — as well as phone numbers for further information.

Please send information and photos directly to the Editor at the address on page 2 for inclusion in the Calendar of Events.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Fellow Members: I just thought I would write in to say what a great car the Falcon is. I am lucky enough to have purchased a 1966 2-door hard top Falcon. I have been looking for one for awhile and luckily I now own one. She's in a bit of a mess: holes everywhere (rust) bottom of doors, holes in the roof (big enough for your fist), holes in the bonnet and boot. She's had a fire on the back seat as well, so you can imagine what she looked like when I first saw her. But as you all know, my heart went out to her and I purchased her and trailered her home for restoration. Here in England there's NO information, books, mags, nothing about Falcons, and there are only possibly 15-20 in the country, mostly convertibles. I belong to various American/English clubs and have written in for information on my car, but no answers. I have also been on the internet to some of your suppliers in America for parts, but no luck just yet. I am missing I think (no pictures) rear window chrome surround and some other chrome trim for the body. If possible you can reach me on email DKG@ndirect.co.uk or write and I will contact you.

All the best, fellow members,

Brian Nighingale

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England, phone 01737 556499.

Muddy Falcon Gets Attention

Editor: "The Falcon Club of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the Falcon Automobile." This being our mantra, I am very disappointed in your selection of a photograph for the cover of the May 2000 edition. This photo represents not preservation, but the bastardization of this automobile.

I have no issue with what Mr. Hartman chooses to do with his Falcon. I do however, take issue with your tacit promotion of this type of endeavor. If we are indeed dedicated to preserving the Falcon, please choose a cover photograph that promotes and nourishes our dedication.

Sincerely,

John Kosche (#7624), Tacoma, WA



Kyle Responds: I am not surprised that you are got a reactionary letter. The Falcon was controversial in 1971 when I built it. My wife were followed around the Capital Circle in Washington D.C. in 1973 and asked to leave by the District Police. They couldn't find anything illegal about the Falcon, but they said it should be.

For me, although unexpected, the cover was a breath of fresh air. All Falcons are not supposed to sit on a shelf, they should be driven. This one has been to Colorado and back to New York. I am still driving it, in fact it was parked out front today.

I appreciate stock restoration, but there is a great interest in alternative restoration and the stock car, race car circuit these days. The Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club members are driving our classics at the Can Am Speedway at LaFargeville, New York during intermission on May 20th. I am taking the '57 Ford Convertible Dirtcruiser.

Anything that gets people excited about a Falcon is positive to me. I have had that Falcon longer than my wife and we have been married 28 years! The cover photograph was captured by Pete Baltradis, a professional photographer from Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Thank you,

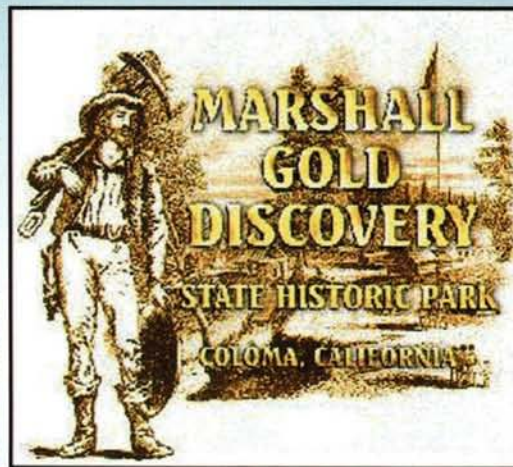
Kyle "Fireball" Hartman, Rensaleer Falls, NY

Outside of Sacramento, to the north and south stretches the Central Valley, one of the largest farming regions in the world. Grown here are almonds, rice, pistachios, peaches, oranges, cotton, and much more. There are wetlands set aside for migratory birds and other animals such as elk and deer. To the east spreads the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The local mountains are around 10,000 feet — about two hours from Sacramento. Here you'll find beautiful hiking trails amid thousands of square miles of wilderness and forestlands. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are about six hours away. Calaveras Big Trees is about three hours away. Yosemite is about four hours, and will be very crowded, but is worth the visit. Hiking in the upper sections of the park is among the best hiking anywhere. Lake Tahoe is about two hours away and is the subject of our Thursday event. All along the Sierra foothills is the California gold country, with quaint old historic towns. From Nevada City in the north to Sonora in the south, there is beautiful country, great wine tasting, lots of antique stores, and many museums as well as many small and large lakes with good boating, swimming, and fishing, even white water rafting. On the other side of the Sierra's lies Reno, Carson City, and Virginia City. Virginia City is a Comstock Lode Town that has a lot of history but might be a little tour-

isty for some, but they have a wonderful steam train ride that makes the trip worth while. On the west side of Sacramento we have of course San Francisco, which is worth a vacation all of its own. It is about two hours away and if you go there and must drive, beware it will be an experience you won't forget. Locals suggest taking the ferry from Vallejo or BART from Concord and walking or taking a cab. There are dozens of things to see there. Try the little "hole in the wall" type restaurants, they are usually the best. If you want to walk on the beach, head for Bodega Bay and the Sonoma Coast State Park about three hours north. But forget about swimming, the water is cold and treacherous. North bay towns to visit include Petaluma, Healdsburg, St Helena, and Calistoga for a mudbath or spa. Wine tasting is good in Napa but is crowded and you must pay. If you like red wine, try the Alexander Valley or the Dry Creek Valley for great wine and a more relaxed experience. If you prefer white wine, try the Sonoma Valley. Most in Sacramento still prefer the east side in Amador, Stanislas, or El Dorado Countys. Sonoma and Jack London State Park have some interesting history. Further south is Point Reyes National Seashore with a wonderful lighthouse and scenic views. For bridges there is nothing like the bay area with the Richmond, Cartinez, Oakland Bay, and of course the Golden Gate Bridge. From Mount Diablo you can see the second most square miles of land in the world. It is about two hours away and visible from Sacramento. Not far from Mt. Diablo is The Blackhawk Auto Museum, an incredible place. For roller coaster buffs there is a Six Flags at Marine World in Vallejo about an hour away. They have added more roller coasters and also have animal shows. Be sure to catch the killer whale show and make sure you sit in the front row!



And of course, don't forget Yosemite, one of the country's most magnificent National Parks.



Coloma, a short drive from Sacramento, is rich in history.



Geoff Belleau writes: "San Francisco is a FUN destination. My Falcon has been there many times." The great city of San Francisco and its Golden Gate Bridge is about an hour and a half from Sacramento.



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